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## REPORT

### To Our Reader - Owners

#### 'I BELIEVE'

"I believe," John J. Ekstrand told the press, "that the Communist Party, Hitler's Nazi Party, or any other political party has a right to operate." He added that he did not consider the Communist Party "subversive."

Ekstrand is the veteran ship's engineer who was denied security clearance to sail to Eniwetok.

Many Americans, even in these troublous years of the cold war, still adhere to Ekstrand's belief; others have so modified it that they scarcely hold to the tradition of freedom of speech at all. Most of us, however, feel uneasy and bewildered, having seen the free part of the world survive with difficulty the onslaught of the Nazi Party and wondering whether the free world can survive the attack of the worldwide Communist Party.

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#### 'THE RULE IS'

Walter Lippman in his important book, "The Public Philosophy" contends that "there is no equivocation . . . about the principle of the defense of free institutions. The rule is that the right to enjoy them and the duty to maintain them are inseparable. The right to these institutions is, that is to say, for those who adhere to them . . . There is no doubt about the principle: that the counterrevolutionary movements are enemies of the state, and must be defeated."

Lippman adds that the question of whether a free country's Government "should outlaw, or in other ways contain, counter-revolutionary movements is not one of principle but of expediency and practical prudence . . . There is no set of election laws or constitutional guarantees which are unchangeable."

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#### HOW MANY BELIEVE?

If more Americans earnestly believed in our free institutions more liberals would unhesitatingly back Lippmann in this attitude.

But with McCarthyism and Klanism abroad in the land, many are still inclined to understand why Engineer Ekstrand takes the stand he does — and also why he adds that "perhaps I've been too outspoken!"

## Meany: No drive now to pull away Teamo locals

President George Meany announced Tuesday at Miami Beach that in the faint hope reform-minded Teamsters may make some headway, for the time being no effort will be made to draw Teamster locals away from the expelled international.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.



MORE HELP to the United Crusade came from Steelworkers Local 3367 at the Pacific States Steel plant in Niles. Employees contributed \$5,169, an average of \$14.16 each and 9 percent more than in the previous drive. Left to right are Company Personnel Manager C. S. Hardin, R. R. Ramirez, community services counsellor for the union; Local 3367 President Kenneth Steadman and Thomas G. Marshall, union director of community services. Steadman is a candidate for Fremont city councilman at the April 8 election.

## BTC: Sign the orange, don't sign the green!

If you want to have your taxes cut, SIGN the ORANGE petition.

If you want to keep your wages from being cut, DON'T SIGN the GREEN petition.

That's the simple formula easy to bear in mind—unless you happen to be an Irishman with a long memory for history!—which was adopted at the meeting of the Building Trades Council this week.

The orange petition for an initiative to go on the November ballot to cut sales taxes and to cut income taxes on the lower and middle income groups should be signed by every labor

man and women, said BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers and other speakers.

The green petition, which if successful would place the "right to work" open shop initiative on the ballot, will of course not be signed consciously by any informed labor union member, but just to avoid a possible slip through negligence, Childers drove home the color scheme.

Childers said that some people had felt it was not wise to launch a counter-fight to the "right to work" proposal in the shape of the tax cut proposal.

MORE on page 6

## Tieups of 'wreck' front man told by San Francisco News

The San Francisco News has torn the mask away from the self-styled Citizens Committee for Democracy in Unions in an article on Howard B. Wyatt, executive secretary of the committee.

Wyatt's committee has launched the "right to work" initiative drive to place the anti-labor proposal on the November ballot.

The article written by Ernest Rapley, labor editor, says Wyatt appears to be "the front man for a front man" in pushing "right to work" legislation and there may be more "front men" in the "right to work" hierarchy.

Wyatt is "no average union member"; although holding a card in Teamsters Local 626, Los Angeles, Wyatt is "in business for himself—a meat 'peddler' or jobber who works out of a truck instead of an office," doing business as the Ace High Meat Company.

He takes meat orders at his home at 1472 North Garfield Avenue, "a two-story house in a nice part of Pasadena."

His customers are largely in Los Angeles and his No. 1 account is the Sterling and Keefer Market, in Los Angeles, the News says.

The Keefer part is Leonard D. Keefer, executive secretary of the Citizens Committee for Voluntary Unionism, another "right to work" front committee.

Keefer takes phone calls for MORE on page 7

## East St. Louis pickets help Paint Makers

Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx reported to the Central Labor Council this week on his trip to East St. Louis, Illinois, to help the Paint Makers set up a picket line before the plant of the C. K. Williams Company there.

Groulx pointed out that Monday of this week was the 111th day of Paint Makers 1101 strike against the Williams plant in Emeryville, where dry paint colors are made. The toughest issue involved has been union security.

Groulx said that for some time before the picket line was set up in East St. Louis the company representatives here had said they would not budge from the position they have long taken. But as soon as the picket line was set up at their East St. Louis plant the company representatives there resumed real bargaining on the issues at the Emeryville plant.

However, when Groulx got back here, company representatives having agreed to come also to take up negotiations again, Groulx said that CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash and he discovered that the company men were recalcitrant again and that some of the issues it had seemed were approaching settlement in East St. Louis began to fade into uncertainty again. However, it was felt the East St. Louis venture got locked wheels rolling again.

Ash and Groulx are cooperating with Pete Ceremello, secretary-treasurer of Paint Makers 1101, in further negotiations this week. The plant in East St. Louis is mainly "organized" by a company union.

Delegates laughed repeatedly as Groulx in his verbal report touched on some of the quirks and quiddities he encountered in the two communities on opposite sides of the Mississippi river. He said that it seemed as though that river, which to him didn't look so monstrous, was an almost impassable barrier between the labor groups of the two communities. He found himself introducing men to each other who had been for many years living and working that slight distance apart.

Setting up a picket line in successions of rain, sleet snow, hail, and bitter winds also has its difficulties, the gentleman from balmy California discovered.

The unions there, with their lack of mutual acquaintance and cooperation having failed to supply pickets as hoped, Groulx finally went to the State Employment office and began asking people in the unemployed lines if they'd like to serve as pickets at so much per day.

This alarmed one of the officials who asked what Groulx was after.

"Pickets!" replied invader from the West.

"Oh," said the State official, "I think that jurisdiction belongs to Local 200."

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# HOW TO BUY

## Shock danger from TVs, appliances

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Not only TV sets and small radio, but a number of electrically operated recreation devices and household gadgets are unsafe because of leaking current, authoritative evidence indicates.

A survey by Electrical Testing Laboratories, an independent agency, revealed that in one area, where a child had been electrocuted by a "fun" device only about a third of the coin-operated amusement devices as electric bucking broncos and electric rocket ships are safe to use.

Some household appliances similarly "leak" a dangerous amount of current. Testing agencies are concerned especially about hand power tools as electric drills, and electric hair dryers.

A leading laboratory says many electric hair dryers on the market are cheaply made to sell at a low price, and thus are risky.

Many hair dryers as well as some TV sets, don't have the Underwriters Laboratories seal showing the model has been tested for shock hazard.

The UL seal is a not a complete assurance against shock hazard, but it's the minimum to insist on when you buy.

Several months ago a five-year-old Illinois boy was electrocuted by a metal-cabinet portable TV set.

One maker now is putting portable TV sets in fiberglass cabinets which, like wood and plastic have less tendency to leak current. The metal case is more of an electrical risk, but better protection against fire hazard from overheated TV sets.

An engineer told this department that many low-price TV sets represent a compromise of safety features with cost and profit. By use of power transformers, some manufacturers save insulating cost. Others save on the transformer or the cabinet. The most reprehensible manufacturing economy is the failure to use polarized plugs.

The likelihood is that in your own area, not even an initial survey has been made to check on electrical amusement devices. The test, which uses a voltmeter to detect leaking current, is simple and inexpensive.

Fred Shunaman, managing editor of Radio-Electronics Magazine, considers small AC-DC radios with hot chassis, which

have damaged cabinets or are used near kitchen sinks or in bathrooms, the most dangerous electronic equipment.

He reports the case of a mother who was giving her infant a bath in the kitchen sink. She answered the phone, and the baby pulled the kitchen radio into the sink and was electrocuted.

While your TV set normally is safe, it still needs to be treated with respect. Shunaman says the safest and cheapest way to make sure a set is safe is to ground some part of the cabinet to a water pipe or radiator with copper wire and ground clamps.

One good safety device everyone agrees on is to have a polarized plug attached to the cord of the set if it doesn't already have one. But this can't be a do-it-yourself job. It should be done by a qualified TV serviceman who knows the wiring circuit of your TV set.

It's imperative to make sure your children don't playfully remove the knobs of TV sets, and that knobs are replaced if they become loose. An exposed control can deliver a shock.

As a precaution against fire hazard from TV sets, don't push your set against a wall or into a tight corner, nor place it on a heavy pad. The set needs ventilation.

It also would be desirable to have polarized plugs on hand power tools, and safety receptacles in the home workshop or other place where power tools are generally used.

Grounding also is vital for washing machines, which are an added risk because of the dampness involved in their use, as are the cheap hair dryers mentioned before.

## Boys not keen on war

Boys, particularly those in the 8 to 15 age bracket according to a recent survey, are influenced by what they see on television and read in the newspapers. They are curious to see what all the excitement is about, so they buy hobby kits to learn more about the latest jet or guided missile.

But youths playing with military models seldom relate them to the destructiveness of war, according to the survey. Instead the popularity of a jet plane, for example, stems from its publicity—not its destructiveness.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

ABIGAIL, who runs that entertaining tennis game in the Chronicle of batting back the fast shots served by readers, recently ran a letter signed "Without TV."

The woman who ostensibly wrote the letter complained that her husband refused to have a television set in the house, on the ground that "he wants absolute peace and quiet when he comes home from work," and on the further ground that the three children were on the school honor roll, indicating that they were doing their home work, and in addition were all taking an hour's piano practice daily. Hubby felt that TV would distract them from their studies and piano.

The woman said that with \$4600 in the bank she couldn't see why they didn't get a television set.

ABIGAIL'S REPLY was that "if your household is running as smoothly as is indicated, far be it from me to venture any suggestions. You're doing all right."

Wonder how many of our women readers agree with Abigail on this one?

**BENEVOLENT DICTATOR** is what that husband might well be called. Benevolent because he knows how many homes have been demoralized by excessive giving way to the demands of this beguiling gadget, and he wishes to have his children attain intelligent maturity. Dictator because instead of letting the children—and the wife!—have access to the real values of TV, and democratically working out with the four of them some reasonable regulation of its use, he just clamps down and says NO.

Yet it's hard to refrain from sympathizing with his desire to have "peace and quiet"—something decidedly absent from many homes, TV or no TV.

## Care of poisons

Curiosity can be a healthy thing in a youngster unless your home is a death-trap!

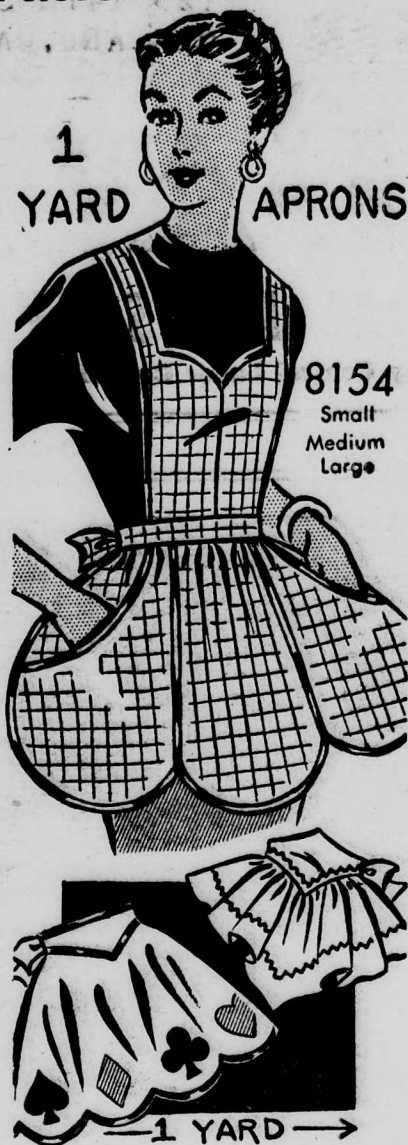
The U. S. Department of Agriculture warns families against carelessly storing insecticides and other poisonous chemicals within a child's reach.

When the 4 or 5-year-old ceases to find his play activity interesting, he may seek new toys such as cosmetics, insecticides, soaps, bleaches, and polishes. He even may try tasting them. Products that make your work so speedy also may bring death to your child; some poisons act rapidly.

About 2 persons out of every 100 who die accidentally in this country every year die from taking poison. And about every fourth person who dies from accidental poisoning is between the age of 1 and 5 years.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## Barbara Bell Patterns



If you want to give a little hostess apron as a gift, here are three that require just a yard of gay fabric for each style.

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## Color made food 'warm'

A big manufacturing plant had golden yellow walls in the cafeteria. No body complained about the food.

In the summer, however, the walls were repainted a dull slate blue. That winter there were complaints that the food was served "cold," although the same cooking equipment and steam tables were used.

Cafeteria sales dropped almost 50 percent before the factory manager ordered the wall done over in a warm primrose yellow.

## Have you seen 'jet bikes'?

Fire Chief Carl P. Johnson of Portland, Me., told UP he wants parents to "ground" children who ride "jet bikes." Chief Johnson says a new fad among teenagers is to attach a metal pipe to bicycle frames, stuff the pipe with oily rags, light the rags and "take off."

The air rushing through the pipe sends out a streamer of flame and smoke to the rear.

"A very dangerous device," the chief said. "Definitely a fire hazard."

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

IF YOU HOPE to interest your child in music, don't simply buy him a piano, hire a teacher, and say:

"This is it. You've got to practice an hour a day, or else!"

The sad fact is lots of parents have started off their children in this fashion with the result that a child who might have become interested is completely bored and repelled.

According to Jimmy Carroll, chief arranger for Golden Records, which has sold some hundred million children's records in the past ten years, a child isn't going to be much interested in music if his parents aren't.

"If parents do a lot of singing, listen to good music on records, and the radio, take their kids to concerts, the chances are that the children will be anxious to learn to play an instrument."

He goes on to say that in homes where dad merely reads the newspaper and mom listens to soap operas, the child gets the feeling that his good music records can't be worth much or his parents would want to listen to them.

Moreover, as all music teachers know, children do not always become interested in the instrument their parents choose for them. Maybe mom had a childhood desire to become a great violinist, and starts her daughter on this instrument, only to find that her girl wants to play the clarinet and be in the school band.

This should disturb no parent. Children are very group minded and there is no more fun in the world than playing an instrument in the school band or school orchestra.

If the child has real musical talent, he will find his proper level. And if he has no great talent, but a genuine love of music, an interest in any branch of this many-sided art will enrich his whole life.

The road to good musicianship is a rocky one, and every child is not fitted for it. But almost any child can get a lot of fun out of music and parents can share in that fun by enjoying music with him as he grows up.

## Here's a union elects women

The time-honored complaint that the labor movement is a man's world just doesn't hold in the Building Service Employees Union.

A recent survey by the international's Department of Education and Research disclosed that the members have elected no fewer than 187 women as business agents and to other executive posts in their locals.—AFL-CIO News.

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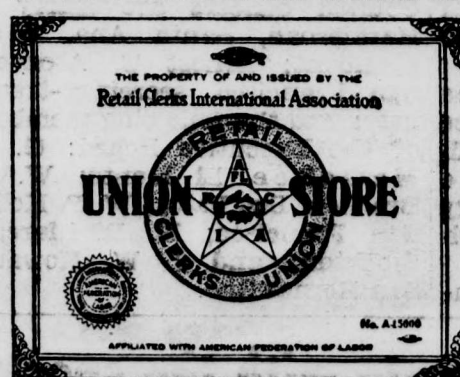
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## Transit District tells new plan to save rails on span

A new slant on the problem of preserving Key System rails on the Bay Bridge for rapid transit was given the state Public Utilities Commission January 28 by the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

The district is supported by labor and several East Bay community groups in its appeal that the PUC reconsider its authorization to the Key System to remove the rails and substitute buses for bridge trains.

Its new proposal is the reverse of the PUC order. It calls for elimination of present buses and inauguration of genuine rail rapid transit.

Attorney Robert E. Nisbet, representing the transit district, told the PUC hearing that rails could be saved at a cost of less than \$5,000,000 instead of the \$35,000,000 bridge reconstruction plan proposed by the State Division of Bay Toll Crossings.

The District's plan calls for:

1. The first stage of the Division of Toll Crossings' program for refuge on the bridge, improved communications to speed removal of stalled vehicles and provision to keep maintenance crews off the roadway.

2. Elimination of present Key and Greyhound buses on the bridge.
3. Inauguration of genuine rapid transit on the span to influence commuters to leave their cars at home and use trains.

Nisbet said transit district engineers estimate that elimination of buses would increase the bridge's capacity by more than 5 percent. High-speed rail transit would add another 5 percent to bridge capacity, he said.

## Clerks boycott of Ward is discussed

Thomas Connor, Warehousemen 853, at the Central Labor Council meeting this week referred to the boycott by the Retail Clerks of the Montgomery Ward store in Oakland, where Local 853 has a contract covering some of the employees.

Russ Mathiesen, Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265, and Harris Wilkin, Food Store Clerks 870, said that their international was boycotting every Montgomery Ward store in the United States because of the high handed refusal of the company to negotiate fairly.

On motion of John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, further consideration of the matter was referred to the CLC executive committee.

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## Local 3 chiefs resign as AFLCIO Ethics group studies Engineers

Complaints against the International Union of Operating Engineers were studied this week by the AFLCIO Ethical Practices Committee as the top command of big Pacific Coast Local 3 resigned.

The resignations of Local 3 President Patrick Clancy, Treasurer Porter E. Vanderwark and Recording Secretary Clarence Matthews came after the local figured in a hearing of the Senate Rackets Committee.

Newell J. Carman, who was placed in charge of the local by the international after former Business Manager Victor Swanson was ousted last year, removed from office Swanson's son, Russell, financial secretary of the local.

He named Paul Edgecombe, Sacramento business agent, to replace Vanderwark. Al Clem, who heads the local's Oakland office, was appointed financial secretary, and M. V. Minahan, a business agent in Oakland, was named recording secretary. A replacement for Clancy had not yet been made.

New developments in the Rackets Committee probe included the invoking of the Fifth Amendment by S. A. Healey, a Chicago businessman who had been asked about financial dealings with Engineers International President William E. Maloney.

Maloney himself was accused by Senate committee investigators of failing to declare \$385,650.07 he had received from the union in the seven years ending in 1956.

## Fremont Demos to hear 4 candidates

Fremont Democratic Club, meeting at the home of George and Marilyn Malone, 49 Mahoney Street, Irvington, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 7, will hear the four candidates for the Democratic nomination for State Senator: Anga Bjornson, John Holmdahl, George L. Rice, E. Guy Warren.

## CARPENTERS 36 NOT UPON THE MOON YET

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, made it clear by implication at a Central Labor Council meeting that Local 36 hasn't made it to the moon yet.

But Thoman, while discussing a matter before the council, incidentally mentioned the fact that "we now have members in Alaska to the north, Venezuela to the south, Guam to the west, and Arabia to the east."

## AFLCIO cracks down on Michigan Hoffa backers

The AFLCIO Executive Council sitting at Miami Beach revoked Tuesday the charter of State CIO and AFL organizations in Michigan. Teamster President James R. Hoffa had been seeking to prevent merger on the State level there. President Meany can now call a merger convention.

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN Committee's activities are illegal, it was argued in Marin Superior Court this week in the case of Edward Hanchett, San Rafael teacher fired for refusing to answer Un-Am quiz.

## New COPE set up in Hayward area

The old AFL Southern Alameda County Voters League was formally dissolved last week and a new Council on Political Education for the area was set up.

The Southern Alameda County COPE will be affiliated with the county AFLCIO COPE, which will be established at a session February 25 at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Floyd Attaway, of Culinary Workers Local 823, will head the Southern Alameda County group as president. Membership will be on an individual basis as well as by affiliation of local unions with membership in Southern Alameda County.

Other officers of the area COPE are Vice President Ed Myers, of United Auto Workers Local 333; Secretary - Treasurer Boyd A. Murphy, Milk Wagon Drivers 302; Recording Secretary Allen Eckert, UAW 844; Sergeant at Arms Joe Campbell, Steelworkers 3367, and Trustees Paul Fleichman, Butchers Union; Jack Yeoman, Carpenters 1622 and Buster Brooks, Cement Finishers 594. A seven-member executive board will also be named.

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## Calif. Machinists donate \$5,000 to defeat 'wreck' law

The California Conference of Machinists appropriated \$5,000 to fight the "right to wreck" initiative at the Machinist group's first quarterly 1958 Conference in Fresno.

A check for the amount was given to State Federation of Labor President Thomas Pitts to be used in the Federation's campaign against the anti-union shop initiative.

Delegates elected A. L. Sax, of Long Beach, president of the conference, named Don Deabendorfer, of Richmond, vice president, and reelected John T. Schiavenza, of Oakland, secretary-treasurer. Schiavenza is business representative of Oakland local Lodge 1566, District Lodge 115.

One resolution passed by the conference asked that President Eisenhower and Secretary of Labor Mitchell take a stand on the "right to work" issue.

Speakers included IAM General Vice President Roy M. Brown and Pitts, both of whom urged a battle against the initiative to outlaw the union shop.

San Francisco District Attorney Thomas C. Lynch spoke in favor of Attorney General Edmund G. Pat Brown's candidacy for governor.

Brown, Lynch pointed out, has taken a clear stand against "right to wreck" while his Republican opponent, Senator Knowland, has favored the measure, which would wipe out union democracy and the right to work for a living wage.

## Anti-Semite loses plea to get on California ballot

Gerald L. K. Smith, who hates Jews, the United Nations, fluoridation of water to prevent tooth decay and school integration, lost an attempt to get his Christian Nationalist Party on the California ballot last month.

The champion hater had sought to challenge the state's election code. The code made it necessary for him to talk to 41,000 persons into registering in his party or get 410,000 voters to sign petitions to put the outfit on the ballot.

But the State Supreme Court ruled the law's provisions were reasonable and upheld a prior ruling against Smith by a Los Angeles court.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

We are happy to report that an agreement has been reached with the Refrigeration Contractors Association of Northern California and this local union and our refrigeration members have returned to work after a work stoppage of six days.

This refrigeration agreement expired December 14, 1957 and negotiations up to the economic action taken did not bring any results from this association. It is not the policy of this union to resort to this kind of action but some time it is unavoidable.

The new contract provides: Effective, January 1, 1958, an increase of .18½¢ per hour on both new installation and on service work. Effective, July 1, 1958, an additional .25¢ per hour covering both classifications. Effective January 1, 1958, an additional .02½¢ per hour on health and welfare contributions and .02½¢ per hour for apprenticeship and journeyman training. Foremen are to receive 10% above the journeyman hourly wage rate and General Foremen are to receive 20% above the journeyman hourly wage rate. This agreement will run until December 31, 1958.

This business office wishes to thank the various labor organizations for their support during the work stoppage. We also wish to thank the refrigeration members for doing such a splendid job of policing our jurisdiction.

The thirty-eighth convention of the California Pipe Trades Council will be held at the Hotel Leamington, Oakland, April 25, 26 and 27. Plumbers Local No. 444 and Steamfitters No. 342 will be host local unions for this convention. Invitations to this convention include General President Schoemann and Assistant General President McCartin.

Our new bylaws and working rules are in the process of being printed and should be ready for distribution in the near future.

Be sure to attend our next meeting to be held on February 20.

17,946 UC STUDENTS were expected to register in Berkeley for the new term this week, a 6 percent rise from last spring's 16,939.

CWA DISTRICT DIRECTOR Louis B. Knecht was a guest of the Central Labor Council, and was introduced to the delegates by President Al Brown.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

You no doubt recall that we have been attempting to obtain a union agreement from the Hawthorne Watch Co., 593 Mission Street, San Francisco, since last August. This company has several employees and the majority of them were organized by us.

In order to obtain this agreement, many meetings have taken place since we first contacted the owners. You will recall that charges had to be made against them with the NLRB, a short lived picket line had to be placed, and about every unpleasant action was undertaken before this company agreed to sit down and negotiate a union contract.

We obtained the general provisions of the master agreement, insofar as the health and welfare program and the accumulative three weeks' vacation program are concerned. However, it was necessary that we set up a new classification for wages, inasmuch as the employees of this company are assembling and casing new watches. A change in the wage payment from bi-monthly to hourly, will automatically give watch employees an increase, in addition to the increase in the hourly rates obtained under the terms of the union agreement.

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## Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Our second January meeting was the installation of officers for the coming year. The officers elect led by Tellis Wharry charming in a pale blue gown as president, followed by Myrtus Neyhouse lovely in a mauve as vice-president, and Tillie Bartmess dignified as usual in a golden brown and the rest of the officers all in pastel shades of the rainbow made a beautiful sight as they went through their drill led by the installing marshals Pauline Tomsic in white and Sylvia Rafford in light pink. With Naomi Vercelli stunning in orchid as a very efficient installing officer and the two marshalls perfect in their leadership the installation was a success in

every way. We received many compliments.

We had as visitors First International Vice-President Verne Trotta, delegates from two San Francisco auxiliaries, two Vallejo auxiliaries, Sacramento and Richmond auxiliaries and Labor Temple auxiliary.

After the installation ceremonies were over we retired to the banquet hall to enjoy the delicious refreshments served on beautifully decorated tables by Eva Hare assisted by Flo Clarke, Alice Rice and Gladys Lear. Coffee was served by the men visitors.

Our new president Tellis Wharry entertained the officers at her home last Wednesday. A very pleasant evening in which many constructive ideas were discussed after which our hostess served us delicious refreshments. All voted a very pleasant evening.

A group of twelve of us motored to Richmond to their installation. A most enjoyable evening was had. The past presidents had the usual get-together at Nellie Blanford's home. Plans were completed for initiating Matilda into our club. We had a good time and enjoyed the good food which Nellie served us. Our next meeting will be our annual "Bust" in the big city with Tillie as our guest.

I do not have any report of anyone ill. Everyone seems to be recuperating from past illnesses.

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## Sheet Metal Local 216

By LLOYD CHILD

It is with regret that we report the passing of Brother Claude Armitage whose death occurred January 27 at the age of 69 at the Veterans' Hospital in Oakland after being confined there for a week. Services were held at the Berkeley Hills Chapel and Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, on Thursday, January 30.

Mr. Armitage had forty-six years of continuous good standing in the International Association, the highest number of years of any journeyman in our local. He was undoubtedly one of the most sincere and well liked members of any union, anywhere. Claude was an individual with a fine principle, a real union man at heart. He had been a trustee of the Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216 for many many years. Due to his ill health he had not been able to work at the trade for the past ten years.

Only recently he and his wife purchased a home in Walnut Creek, off Geary Road and they were very fond of it. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and sister who are his only survivors.

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## Theatrical Local B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

When the organization adopted the East Bay Labor Journal as the official organ of the union it was the intent of the membership at that time that entire paper be read by the members. As the years have rolled by we do find that many members read this column religiously, but are inclined to pass over some of the news items elsewhere in the edition.

Therefore, for the benefit of those selective readers and with apologies to the members who keep abreast of the Labor Journal news columns, we wish to use the means of this column to combat the so-called "Right to Work", "Right of Employment", "Voluntary Unionism" or any other title which may be used to restrict the labor movement.

Petitions are now being circulated for signatures to place this measure on the ballot.

For your own good, it is wise not only not to sign this petition, but likewise any other petition without checking with the union office. Many candy coated slogans and catch phrases contain a hidden bitter pill that may hurt you where it counts the most—in the pocketbook.

Up and down the aisle . . . Manager Frank Pratt, leaving the Roxie for an east coast managerial birth . . . Former manager Charlie Pincus, who last served at the Roxie about 5 years ago is back at the old stand . . . Former member Gerald Hill, well known to local members when working the aisles at the Tele-news and the doors at the T & D, Paramount, Broadway, Grand-Lake, Esquire and Berkeley is the new president of the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans George A. Marshall Camp . . .

The next union meeting is scheduled for the third Thursday (20th) at the new hour of 11 p.m. . . . Ed Hansen back on the door at the California replacing Robert Scurlock who has moved to the Fox-Oakland, replacing former assistant manager, Jack Eberly . . . The Academy Awards will be presented over the air for the first time with the industry footing the bill . . . A course we advocated in these columns years ago.

## CLC delegates seated

Delegates obligated by President Al Brown at this week's meeting of the Central Labor Council were: Nick Boski, Operating Engineers 736; Robert G. Christian, A. J. Dekker, Elvin Minner, Letter Carriers 76; C. C. Davis, L. T. Ernst, Sugar Workers 20630; Bessie Lauderman, American Federation of Government Employees 1533; Fred Van Schoelandt, Steelworkers 5525; John T. Schiavenza, Machinists 1566.

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## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Voting on Grand Lodge Referendum to increase Per Capita Tax to create a strike benefit of \$35.00 per week is available in Financial Secretary's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily beginning February 5th and ending February 18th.

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif., every Friday at 8 p.m.

We expect to have a deputy registrar at each meeting so that members may register to vote at the coming elections.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

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## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 1958. Members please attend!

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The Retail Clerks are on strike against Montgomery Wards and ask all members to please stay out of all their stores. Let's help them and tell your friends also to stay out, too.

Also, don't forget to vote February 18, 1958, on the new School Tax Ceiling for better schools in Oakland. Tell your friends to vote "Yes" on this tax question as Oakland needs their schools cleaned and fixed up.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Sheet Metal Workers of Local No. 216 are again reminded to make arrangements to be present at the special meeting of the membership which will be held Wednesday, February 19, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. You will receive official notice by mail.

Fraternally,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Bus. Rep.

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## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

After the regular meeting of Friday night, February 7, 1958, a special meeting is scheduled to appoint nominees to run as delegates to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, and the Southern Alameda County Voters League. The nominee elected as the delegate to the Voters League will fill out the unexpired term of Brother Swanson who has resigned due to other commitments. Election at a later date.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

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## CARPENTERS 1622

February meeting dates, 7, 13, 21 and 28. The regular meeting of the 14th will be held Thursday, February the 13th as the Social Committee has arranged an old fashioned box social, for a brother who has suffered a blood clot on the brain which is causing him to lose his vision.

Dancing and entertainment will follow the sale of baskets. Proceeds will be used to send this brother to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, for treatment in an effort to restore his sight.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 1473

Special Called Meeting, Friday, February 7, 1958, at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1227 - 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

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## CLERKS AND LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 1958. All regular meetings thereafter will be held on the fourth Friday of each month until further notice.

Death assessment No. 6 is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

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## 4 girls working in a laundry put silencer on the musical cuff links

Never underestimate the power of a woman—and if it's four women the power is multiplied four times.

The women were underpaid members of Laundry Workers International Union Local 350, who defied the administration of LWIU President Ralph T. Fagan and won. Local 350 is Fagan's home local.

As a result, Local 350 President Theodore "Ted" Williams found himself out in the street and cut off from a lucrative spot next to the local's till.

Business Agents Eddie Maney and Russ Crowell, of Oakland directly-affiliated Local 3012 and 3009 brought the story back from the Milwaukee meeting of locals which left the LWIU after the AFLCIO kicked it out for corruption.

Delegates to the Central Labor Council this week listened with a mixture of shock and amusement to the stories Maney and Crowell told of "musical cuff links" and other gadgets which the four resolute women discovered officers of the Indianapolis local were buying for themselves out of union funds.

## Attention called to Congress bills

The attention of delegates to the Central Labor Council was called this week to important bills now before Congress.

Ken Crowell, Communications Workers 9412, said that the Harris-O'Hara Natural Gas bill, HR 8525, if carried would do great harm to California consumers as this State is the second largest consumer of natural gas. He urged that unions write letters to members of the House urging them to vote against it. The AFLCIO has denounced the bill.

Aline Haake, Government Employees 1533, called attention to Senate Bill 734 which, she said, would help all Government classified employees to a better pay level. She urged that letters be sent to the two Senators from California.

## Islands sugar strike

Twenty-six sugar plantations in the Hawaiian Islands were struck Sunday by the ILWU with some 13,000 workers walking out and commencing picketing. ILWU President Harry Bridges led the negotiations.

The women took their evidence to court, and won rulings which resulted in the ouster of the local's officers and putting a trustee in charge.

Maney said that he believed only a few locals will stay with the expelled international, "and they'll leave after all the money on hand is spent."

## 4,000,000 jobless expected in Feb.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell predicted this week that more than 4,000,000 Americans—the largest total since February of 1950—would be out of jobs this month.

Labor Department economists backed his figure by estimating an increase of nearly 1,000,000 during January over the 3,400,000 who were recorded as unemployed in December.

They said they expected joblessness would drop to 3,700,000 by May, unless business fails to improve. In the latter case, they warned, there could be as many as 5,000,000 unemployed.

Another if which might make Mitchell's figures too low, is the possibility of poor business for the automobile companies, Mitchell's aides said.

Most of the February layoffs are expected in the steel, auto, machinery and appliance industries.

## Session on industrial safety held in S. F.

The eighth statewide meeting of the Governor's Industrial Safety Council opened February 6 in San Francisco.

Leading speakers include Governor Knight, P. L. Siemiller, of Chicago, general vice president of the International Association of Machinists, and Sid W. Grimes, managing director of the Pacific Coast Association of Pulp and Paper Manufacturers.

Siemiller's talk is on "Labor-Management Cooperation in Safety—Its Problems and Advantages." The employer spokesman also was to discuss labor-management cooperation for industrial safety.

Among Alameda County delegates to the conference, which closes February 7 at the Fairmont Hotel, is Business Representative J. L. Childers, of the Building Trades Council.

## '58 politics seen as contributing to industrial strife

Business retrenchment and "inflammatory campaign tactics" may contribute to making 1958 a stormy year in labor-management relations, the State Conciliation Service predicted in its report to the Governor's Council.

Conciliation Service Supervisor Glenn Bowers did not name the specific issues he had in mind. Considered the most inflammatory item in the 1958 political picture, however, is the so-called "right to work" initiative.

"The disruption of the spirit and practice of orderly collective dealings between employers and employees may result from inflammatory campaign tactics in an election year," Bowers wrote.

Other forces which may cause stubborn disputes, he said, are tightening of money for construction, lower employment, a "trimming of sails" by management in the belief that profits will be lower, determination of workers to hold and extend their gains and "the insistence of employers on 'realistic' production costs, especially labor costs."

If his fears are realized, 1958 will be in a sharp contrast to 1957, when only 96,000 of the state's 4,500,000 wage and salary workers were involved in strikes.

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## Steadman files for Fremont council; wide open race due

Kenneth Steadman filed his candidacy this week for Fremont city council and got set for a race to represent working people in the new city's government.

Steadman is president of Steelworkers Local 3367 at the Pacific States Steel Company and works in the plant. He pointed out that the present council has no direct representation for the working people who make up a big part of its population.

The race for the two seats to be filled at the April 8 election promised to be wide open. Besides Steadman, the two incumbents and a fourth candidate have filed and a fifth man is circulating nominating papers.

Steadman urged a "first things first" approach to city problems, opposing the thinking of the present council which wants to build a civic center before such needs as roads and water and sewer lines are met.

The first objective, he said, should be bringing industry to Fremont to help support the tax load.

"We must build a firm city foundation before we start construction on the roof," he said.

"Industry will build our city, including the civic center, if we will let it."

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VIGOROUS AND EFFECTIVE picket line is being maintained at the Whittier, Calif., store of Montgomery Ward by Retail Clerks Local 324. The store is one of several hit by RCIA's selective strike and "informational picketing" technique which followed six months of fruitless negotiations.

## Galarza raps farm aide's firing, hits law violation on Mexicans

The recent firing of a U. S. Department of Labor field worker is a symptom of failure to enforce labor laws involving imported Mexican workers, Ernesto Galarza, of the National Agricultural Workers Union, charged this week.

William Renner, a Modesto field man for the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security was fired in December, shortly before he would have ended his probationary period. The reason given for his dismissal was that he was not considered "promotional material."

But Renner told Labor's Daily that he was ousted because he was zealous "in investigating abuse of the Mexican contract labor program." The western re-

gional office, he said, had failed to prosecute many employer violations.

Galarza, who has vowed a fight for "decent enforcement" of the law, charged:

"Renner was fired because he was trying to enforce the law. This confirms what I've seen for the last 10 years—failure of other officers to enforce the law has been concealed by systematic secrecy."

Galarza has asked his union to let him take the case to the Department of Labor Advisory Committee on Farm Labor February 18 in Washington.

Renner declared that his superiors failed to act against the violations he had uncovered because they were friendly to growers who hire Mexican workers.

Some of violations were of the employer obligation to use available domestic workers before hiring imported farm labor and of regulations governing pay, housing and payroll deductions, Renner said.

THE WELFARE load in Alameda County jumped by 1,000 in 30 days, the county Welfare Department disclosed. The new total, as of January 30, is 38,621 on relief or trying to get it.

## Company lays off many phone girls

For the first time since the depression days of the thirties, telephone operators are being laid off by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. on a large scale. The company has informed the union that a drastic drop in business is the major reason for these layoffs.

Ruth I. Suhling, Communications Workers 9415, informs East Bay Labor Journal that layoffs are taking place in the following locations: East Bay Division 53 people in Oakland, Hayward, Pittsburg. Other areas: Stockton, 30; San Francisco, 20; San Jose, 35; Santa Rosa, 27; San Mateo, 5; Eureka, 9; Ukiah, 6; Modesto, 4; and Visalia, 6; San Francisco 20.

The above are definite. Other cities and towns in the Northern California-Nevada area have not been affected as yet; however, there is a possibility that there will be layoffs in the entire area at some future date.

**3 RELIGIOUS LEADERS,** Methodist Pastor Andrew Juvinall, Catholic Bishop Charles F. Buddy, and Rabbi Max Nussbaum are quoted in denunciation of the compulsory open shop initiative by the State AFL in a new pamphlet.

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## BTC: Sign orange, don't sign green; cut tax, keep wage

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But sound judgment, he felt, had been used by State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty and by Charles P. Scully, counsel for the federation. The time was ripe for a thorough overhauling of the State tax structure, and now was a good time to do it.

It was pointed out that with a right approach to neighbors it should be possible for every trade unionist to get many signatures for the orange petition cutting taxes.

Copies of the orange colored tax-cutting petitions are available at the BTC office, and all unions were urged to get them into circulation.

### LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE

The council voted to send Childers to the legislative conference in Washington March 3-6 which has been called by the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department.

The vote was taken after considerable discussion as to the advisability of spending money on the conference at a time when there is much unemployment and money has to be spent in fighting the "right to work" open shop proposal.

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, raised the question, saying that it is difficult to justify to jobless craftsmen the expenditure of such money, and that it was doubtful if previous legislative conferences had shown great results.

J. C. Reynolds, Lathers 88, supported Garoni's stand.

Bruce Dillashaw, Cement Masons 594, said that the trouble is that we all want important things done, but we don't like to have to pay for them. But if everybody stayed home, where would our legislative program get?

Joe Egan, Plasterers 112, said he felt the conference is needed all the more because of the big agitation being carried on for the "right to work" open shop proposal.

C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36, said that good comes out of building tradesmen gathering in Washington and conferring with Congress, that the expenses of sending delegates is too heavy for locals to bear, but that through their council they should do it, since this concentrates on sending one man.

Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, held that the conference is important, that it was very impressive to see 2000 building tradesmen gathered in Washington last year, and that politicians who had first ignored such conferences now clamored to appear at them. If funds were not available, that was one thing; but only on that question should any doubt be raised.

## Bill Norman elected by Hod Carriers Local 166

Bill Norman has been elected business representative of Hod Carriers 166, succeeding Abel Silva, who, as reported last week by East Bay Labor Journal, has been made a regional director by the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department. Shelton Coats was elected assistant business representative.

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## Good School group presses campaign for Feb. 18th vote

As the February 18 Oakland school tax election neared, proponents of the tax ceiling increase this week redoubled their efforts for passage.

Some of the facts which the Good Schools Committee pointed out make the tax ceiling raise necessary are:

There are 60,670 public school students in Oakland today. In three years there will be 68,400, in six years 72,600 and in 10 years 78,000 will be getting their education.

In the next school year, 137 new teachers will be needed, not counting replacements for those leaving the schools.

Equipment, supplies and textbooks must be purchased to replace unsafe and wornout items and to keep up with the big increase in enrollment.

Money is needed for maintenance and upkeep of school buildings.

The Good Schools Committee is seeking an increase from \$2 to \$3.12 in the ceiling to which the school tax may be raised.

Higher salaries are not the chief reason for the increase, the committee emphasized. Major need is for additional teachers, new textbooks and supplies and to take care of the backlog of building maintenance.

Oakland is one of only four of the 18 largest California cities which have not raised the tax ceiling for schools. Twenty-nine of the 36 school districts in Alameda County have found the same move necessary.

Support for the tax measure has come from the Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council, American Federation of Teachers and many other labor and civic groups.

Both councils this week asked for financial contributions from local unions to meet labor's share of the cost of campaigning for the school measure.

A new organization to support the campaign was the Oakland League of Women Voters. A League general membership meeting endorsed the \$1.12 tax raise as "a partial solution to the spiralling costs and growth confronting the school district."

The Good Schools Committee is headed by Henry J. Kaiser Jr. Other groups seeking a Yes vote at the February 18 election include:

Oakland Council of Dads Clubs, P-TA 28th District, Oakland Chamber of Commerce, Oakland Teacher's Association, Office Services Association, Oakland Schools, Alameda County Industries, Inc., and Downtown Property Owners Association.

All citizens are invited to visit the campaign headquarters, Room 209, 428 - 13th Street and obtain election materials according to James V. Zeno, campaign manager.

## Soon they're just hanging to jobs

Ely Chinoy of Smith College got a job in an auto plant and gained the cooperation of the United Auto Workers and interviewed many of the workers on their goals and aspirations in and out of the factory.

Finally he wrote a book, "Automobile Workers and the American Dream" which states the following:

"Industrial workers face the following dilemma.

"On the one hand they are encouraged to aim high and to persist relentlessly; they are provided with an array of prescriptions for success; they are burdened with full responsibility for their fate.

"On the other hand, they live in a world of only limited opportunity.

"The task of this book is to explore the problems created for workers by this disparity between tradition and reality and to examine what 'opportunity' means to industrial workers."

Chinoy notes that in order to gain immediate gratification — having a good time, owning a car or motorcycle — the young today will seek relatively well paying factory jobs, forsaking the possibility of educational and professional training. After a time, he says, these people realize the narrow range of semi-skilled work to which they have become confined.

Chinoy also finds a continual alteration of goals. On the job it means finding the least strenuous menial or supervised type of work, with a view toward conserving energy toward doing off-the-job things that are pleasurable. He adds:

"Once they find that work in the factory does not enlist their interest or abilities, many original ambitions are squashed and hanging on to their jobs becomes their primary concern."

## Office 29 asks election at Interstate Lines

John Kinnick, Office Employees 29, announced at the Central Labor Council meeting this week that Local 29 has filed with NLRB a petition for a representational election at the offices of the Interstate Motor Lines, 760 Ferry Street, Oakland.

There are some 20 employees eligible to vote.

## DELICIOUS MEALS COCKTAILS

Sports Television  
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## WALT'S 405 CLUB

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## Labor here backs sales tax cut: Bee is opposed to it

The Central Labor Council this week voted to do everything possible to help get on the November ballot the proposed initiative to lighten the State sales tax and income tax load on low and middle income groups.

All members of organized labor will be urged to sign the petition to get the measure on the ballot; 322,429 valid signatures are required.

At the same meeting of the council Kenneth Steadman, Steelworkers 3367, told the delegates that at a meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce he had heard Assemblyman Carlos Bee ask that citizens refrain from signing petitions to put the tax relief measure on the ballot.

Assemblyman Bee, Steadman said, declared that if the tax relief measure passed he did not know where the money would come from to transact State business.

Steadman's report was heard with special interest, as Bee was elected in the 13th Assembly District with labor's backing.

Opposition to the tax relief measure by wealthy conservatives is expected to be great. The proposal is not merely to reduce the sales tax, since the sales tax hits hardest the low and middle income groups, and to reduce the State income tax for such groups, but to increase the income tax for the wealthy.

Accordingly, a battle royal between the poor and the moderately well off on the one side and the rich and filthy rich on the other side is confidently anticipated by all concerned.

## S. F. News exposes tieups of that 'labor' man at front of open shoppers

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Wyatt's committee, which has a Los Angeles post office box for a mailing address.

In reference to his Citizens Committee for Democracy in Labor Unions, Wyatt told the News "ain't that a great name", but he refused to tell the names of the president or other officials.

Wyatt "insisted he pays all the expenses but hopes to be repaid if and when 'right to work' gets on the ballot," said the News.

Told that the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and Merchants and Manufacturers Association had "disavowed" him, Wyatt "archly" replied: "Maybe the Chamber does not want to tip its hand."

The News story said that "money is being spent by someone" in the "right to work" initiative scheme.

In support of this the article noted that Wyatt's publicity releases are strictly professional; and the petition filed in Sacramento was presented by the big San Francisco law firm of Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison.

The News commented, "Their organization doesn't work for peanuts."

## Lewis wins fight to pay no heed to T-H dictates

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday that employees have a right to be represented by a union even though it has failed to file non-Communist affidavits under the Taft-Hartley Act. The case was one involving John L. Lewis' District 50 catch-all union.

## New carpentry apprentice unit set up for state

A California Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Carpentry Trade has been set up by labor and management to establish statewide standards for the carpenter apprentice program.

Union members of the committee include Business Representative Charles Roe, of Hayward Carpenters Local 1622, and William P. Kelly, of the California State Council of Carpenters, a California Apprenticeship Council commissioner.

The carpenter setup, with 3,645 apprentices, is the largest in the state. The new statewide committee is the twelfth California building trades apprentice unit to be set up.

Organization of the committee was completed at a labor-management session in Fresno. The session approved subcommittee recommendations on specific apprenticeship subjects.

The session produced a revised outline of the apprentice course Part 4, which covers concrete and timber construction.

Establishment of the statewide committee came as the Bay Counties Joint Apprenticeship Program disclosed that the slump in California home building has affected the carpenter apprentice system.

The 3,645 apprentices registered in the state compare with the almost 3,000 which were training in San Francisco, Marin, Alameda and San Mateo Counties alone in 1946. The four counties now have only 1,200 carpenter apprentices.



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## Six thousand dog bites, 3 vetoes for postal men

Friends of the postal employees—and this surely includes all Americans with the exception of President Eisenhower and the dogs that bite 6000 letter carriers annually—hope that Congress will get a postal pay increase through early in the session.

For if it gets through early, Congress will have time to override Mr. Eisenhower's veto.

That's assuming he does veto, and it's a bit hard to assume anything else: he is the only President in history, the Central Labor Council was reminded recently, to veto three postal wage increase bills.

When the postal workers' unions specify the bill on which they are concentrating, let's all remember what A. B. McClintock, secretary of the Postal Central Council here, told the CLC, that every letter or short note to a Representative or Senator helps.

## Farewell, Tommy and Ernie!

On January 16 two men died in this area, each of whom was remarkable and admirable. One was Thomas J. "Tommy" Roberts and the other was Ernest M. "Ernie" Upshaw.

Roberts, born in Ohio during the Civil War, was active in the trade union movement for the greater part of his 95 years, and was already in his thirties when he participated in the great railroad strike of 1894 which was broken by President Cleveland's use of Federal troops.

Upshaw, born in Alabama a few years after that famous strike, built up a successful business here, and was an employer fully meriting the tribute paid to him by Bill Phalanger of Roofers 81:

"He was one of the finest, an extremely fair employer and interested in the welfare of the whole community."

Roberts as the years descended upon him kept unabated his rugged faith, which he invariably backed with money and effort, in the labor movement, and was often and rightly praised in his nineties when he was the unchallenged Nestor of labor here, as "the youngest and liveliest labor man in the East Bay."

Upshaw was no big corporation executive bulwarked behind an inaccessible desk: he was a true enterpriser who went out and looked for business, and, when times were bad, turned in and created business and employment for craftsmen. And his personal charm was as unfailing as that white flower in his lapel.

Many a time these men have been in the office of East Bay Labor Journal on their respective honorable errands, and many a time those of us who so admired and loved them both are going to think with regret that never again can we greet them with "Hello Tommy!" and "Hello Ernie!"

## The Shells for Shotguns Fund

One of our readers remarks that "the forthright action of the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina in breaking up a Ku Klux Klan rally shows that the civilized Indian of today is no more ready to be shoved around than were his ancestors, on whom a lot of taxpayers' money, powder and lead were poured before they agreed to let white immigrants run the country."

Delighted laughter was the reaction of most of us to "the forthright action" of the Lumbees. No matter how much we hold to the tradition of granting the right of peaceable assembly to crackpots, screwballs, and public nuisances, in this case we just enjoyed heartily the discomfiture of the Klansmen and shared Bob Ash's feeling that it might be a good thing to start a Shells for Shotguns Fund to enable the Lumbees to stay on the warpath. Whoops!

Anticlimatic as drama but very welcome as judicial statesmanship was the action of Judge Lacy Manor, himself an Indian, of that embattled area: he sentenced one of the arrested Klansmen to only a suspended jail term and a \$60 fine when under the law he could have imposed a sentence of two years in the cooler and a fine of \$100.

Nor should labor people overlook the fact that this Klansmen to whom the Indian Judge was lenient is a worker in a tobacco factory, whether or not a union man we don't know; but certainly among the Klansmen there are some union people. As unionism grows in the South it is our firm belief that there will be fewer Klansmen and more decent citizens.

## Doesn't Measure Up



## CLARK KERR'S 6-POINT PROGRAM FOR UNIONISM

Greater opportunity for union members to oust officers who have lost their confidence was urged in a study made public yesterday by the Fund for the Republic.

The proposal was one of six for increased internal democracy in unions. The suggestions were contained in a pamphlet by Dr. Clark Kerr, president-elect of the University of California. The study was one of a series under the fund's auspices on the impact of modern institutions on individual freedom and justice.

In his report on "Unions and Union Leaders of Their Own Choosing," Dr. Kerr opposed "right to work" laws prohibiting the union shop.

Nevertheless he declared that the trend toward compulsory union membership and the prevalence of one-party rule within labor required new steps to guarantee responsiveness of leaders to the will of the union rank and file.

Combating apathy by polls of membership opinion, and use of television as a means of communication with members who rarely go to meetings.

Increased professional training of union leaders, along the same lines as city managers, and development of an "ethic" to guide their conduct.

Establishment of a "new faith for the union movement" based on a conception of unions as a liberating force in industrial society.

Encouragement of local autonomy in unions through con-

stitutional changes to vest greater authority in one-plant units.

Protection of union "decertification" procedures to enable unions to strip an unwelcome union of its exclusive bargaining rights.

Development of more effective machinery to permit "discharge through rebellion" of union officials whose policies or personalities no longer command membership support.

Dr. Kerr said unions already had done much on their own to install more democratic procedures. However, he said some legislation would still be needed.

He cited as one area of possible legislation the Australian practice of allowing union members to ask the state to conduct secret elections of union officers.

Dr. Kerr also favored laws increasing the right of unionists to appeal to the court for protection against reprisals for internal political dissent, bars against the right to join unions and prohibition of compulsory political contributions. — New York Times.

## Gifted pupils

American leaders in public life or in private occupations come not from one class or one economic level; they rise from every section of the people and possess widely varied talents. The country needs an educational system which attracts leaders from every source and provides for the talented without divorcing them from the greater society.

Gifted pupils should be identified early and given early opportunities to challenge their powers and develop their talents to the fullest. They should be motivated to high achievement and should have a sense of responsibility for the wise and socially profitable employment of their abilities. It is extremely important that a larger proportion of these young people seek higher education.

In making plans for the education of the gifted, it is important to realize that giftedness may be difficult to recognize. Far more is involved than merely testing verbal abilities and equating them with intelligence. Talents lie in many areas and are of many types. Pupils who rank low by one set of standards may rank high by another. Wide and flexible programs are needed to identify talents and to plan for them that combination of general studies which will develop them as good citizens and advanced courses which will develop their talents to the fullest. — Educational Policies Commis-

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .  
We Run 'Em!

## CARPENTERS CITE 'WRECK' LAW PERIL

Editor, Labor Journal:

You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that a petition will be circulated in the State of California which will place the right-to-work issue on the ballot in the coming elections.

Proponents of this vicious propaganda have secured the service of professional organizers in order to get the required signatures.

To the working people of California there are many things you can do to help fight this issue and are as follows:

1. Get registered and vote at all elections.

2. Refuse to sign any petitions being circulated in California during 1958.

3. Talk this over with your neighbors and friends, so that they may learn the truth about this issue.

I would like to remind you that in most states where the right-to-work issue is on the statutes the wages of all working people are as much as forty percent less.

Fraternally yours,

OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary  
Carpenters 36

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## MAYOR'S STAND ON RAIL REMOVAL HIT

Editor, Labor Journal:

Who is this Mayor Clifford Rishell who wants the rails on the bridge torn out and buses added to the traffic jam and exhaust fumes that are making a mess out of Bay Bridge crossing in peak hours? I'll bet you he doesn't have to ride the buses, or drive his car in the morning or evening madhouse.

Fraternally yours,

MRS. WILLIAM REYNOLDS

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## TELEVISION

Young people are glued to their television sets for most of their leisure hours. The average viewer watches TV, for four hours a day, which is 28 hours a week. The young people, statistics show, prefer the repetitive programs, set for a formula with slight variations. They like the canned American thriller, variety and quiz programs. They like programs which throw up no great problems, and demand no great thought. — Christopher Chataway, famous British TV interviewer.

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## CHURCHILL

Englishman, 25 years old, about 5-ft. 8-in. tall, indifferent build, walks with a forward stoop, pale appearance, red-brown hair, small and hardly noticeable moustache, talks through his nose and cannot pronounce the letter 'S' properly. — Description of Churchill when Boers offered reward for him dead or alive.

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## CONFUSING

At present we are in the position of saying that we must take part in the arms race, which we also say we cannot afford, in order to manufacture weapons it would be suicidal to use against a danger we say ought not to exist. — K. Ziliacus, member British Labor Party.

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## UNION VOTES

Are we going to apply the Fascist or Communist tactic of sending the militia to force people to vote in union elections? It would be easy to get a 99 percent vote on that basis. — Louis Hollander, president, New York State CIO.